(b) what is the justification of spending such a huge amount and wasting manpower where even barest minimum amenities have not so far been provided in Katras, jhuggi-jhonpri clusters and other areas inhabited by the weaker section of society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Since the National Festival being held in Delhi is not yet over, it is not possible to indicate the total expenditure incurred on it at this stage.

(b) It is felt that the cultural needs of the people also need to be taken care of without minimising the importance of other amenities. Judging from the very large participation of common people in the Festival, it is evident that people do like to see live performances of some of the best images of our cultural heritage.

Implementation of findings of the Central University Committee

2145. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 78 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd January, 1985 regarding findings of the Central University Committee and state what action has so far been aken to implement the findings of the Central University Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): The Government had appointed an Empowered Committee to consider the recommendations of the UGC Review Committee. While the work of the Empowered Committee was in progress, it was decided to initiate a comprehensive review of the National Education Policy While formulating the National Education Policy, the recommendations of the Review Committee were taken into account.

Amendment of docks scale of rates

2146. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 931 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th November, 1986 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bombay Port Trust is not authorised to charge the new Rates till the Central Government approves the same;

(b) if so, whether Government have approved the proposal to amend the Dock scale of Rates of Bombay Port Trust; and

(c) if so, when was it got approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The legality of charges levied by the Bombay Port Trust for goods stored at Vidyavihar without the prior approval of Central Government was the subject matter of a writ petition filed in the Bombay High Court. The High Court has dismissed the Writ Petition in limine. The Government have conveyed their approval to the amendment to the Docks Scale of Rates in November, 1986.

Hindi teachers in Andhra Pradesh

2147. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT we pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government have urged the Central Government to release Rs. 3 crores for payment of salaries to Hindi teachers in the State;